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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
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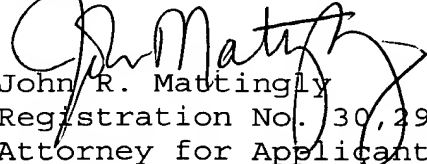
Responsive to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED mailed December 5, 2001, Applicant(s) submit(s) herewith the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, along with the required surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e). A Petition and fee for a one-month Extension of Time also accompanies the Transmittal.

Our check in the amount of \$130.00 is attached.

As required, a copy of the NOTICE of December 5, 2001, is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Letter is enclosed.

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